THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that each Member of Parliament is entitled to recommend two cases for admission in Kendriya Vidyalayas. In addition, the Members of Parliament who are on the Standing Committee & Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry of Human Resource Development can recommend 3 more cases each. For 1995-96 academic session, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan received 1512 recommendations from Members of Parliament for which orders have already been issued.

Controversies on National Library, Calcutta

661. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new controversies have further deepened the already critical situation in the National Library at Calcutta; and

(b) if so, the details of the controversies and the steps taken to resolve them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPTT OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Finding of International Food Policy Research Institute

662. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has expressed concern about fall in India's Agriculture farm growth in their report;

(b) the main recommendations therein in regard to supply and demand for food in the next century; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has observed that India's agricultural growth has been sufficient in recent decades. However, the main observations made in the Report include more emphasis on diversification in agriculture, need to increase capital investment in agriculture, higher outlays for agricultural research and extension, priority for completion of the ongoing irrigation projects, faster growth in institutional credit, and involving the NGOs and private sector in building rural infrastructure, etc.

(c) The findings of the study are of general nature and the Government is already seized of the issues raised therein.

संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना

663. **श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार एक संशोधित व्यापक फसल बीमा योजना के संबंध में विचार कर रही है;

(ख) वर्तमान योजना के उद्देश्य क्या हैं और इसमें संशोधन करने के लिए किन-किन मुद्दों की ओर ध्यान दिलाया गया है; और

(ग) देश के सभी किसानों को इस योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल करने के लिए कौन-कौन से उपाय किये जा रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम): (क) से (ग) वर्तमान बृहत फसल बीमा योजना देश में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं, जैसे बाढ़ तथा सूखा आदि के कारण फसलों को हुई हानि के परिणामस्वरूप किसानों को वित्तीय समर्थन मुहैया कराने